



# Navajo County Library District

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Writing Contest hosted by Navajo County Library District

Beneath our feet, secrets are waiting to be discovered. This year's writing contest invites you to "**Unearth A Story,**" one that tunnels past the familiar and breaks into a hidden world below the earth. Whether your imagination leans toward sci-fi or fantasy, we're looking for tales of discovery, wonder, and the unexpected worlds that lie just out of sight. Dig deep, let your creativity glow, and bring to life what happens when the ground beneath us reveals something extraordinary.

\* Please attach a completed registration/release form to your entry. \*



### Requirements:

1. Must be an original story of the registered participant
2. No folders or binders accepted
3. All entries should be submitted on 8 ½ by 11 sized papers.
4. **Age groups and word counts:**

**Early Story Tellers as Illustrators** up to 6 years of age – 4- 8 illustrations

**Younger Writers 7 to 9 years-** up to 200 words

**Pre-teens 10-12 years-** up to 400 words

**Teens 13-17 years-**up to 500 words

**Adults 18+** up to 1800 words

5. Contest begins May 26, 2026, and entries must be submitted by June 26, 2025
6. Prizes will be awarded to one winner per age group
7. Winners will be notified by July 17, 2025
8. Every entry must include the completed registration/release form. Stories submitted without a signed release, will not be considered.
9. This contest is open to Arizona residents. Submissions from other states will be denied.



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## Navajo Country Library District 2026 Summer Reading Program Writing Contest Registration and Release Form

**All Writing Contest entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of the registration form. If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must also sign the release form.**

**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

In exchange for good and valuable consideration, I consent to the display and/or use of my original written work submission or images thereof by Navajo Country Library District and their libraries. This consent applies in all forms known now or in the future, in all media and in manners, including, but not limited to, advertising, art, editorial, electronic, and exhibition. I hereby release Navajo County Library District, their affiliates, respective directors, officers, agents, employees, and guests from any and all claims of any kind on account of any such use.

I understand that my written work will be displayed on Navajo County Library District's website. I warrant that I the parent(s), or legal guardian(s) or participant, competently authorize use of these pictures and/or videos for this event. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of release.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature for Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address/City/Zip/Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_